

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **HB 1389 - SB 1958**

May 26, 2005

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Increases, from \$1.75 to \$2.75, the litigation tax in Knox County Criminal, Circuit, Chancery and Domestic Relations Courts and increases the litigation tax in Knox County General Sessions Courts from \$1.00 to \$2.00. The revenue from such an increase would be earmarked for the Knox County Governmental Library.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase Local Govt. Revenues – Exceeds \$28,000/Earmarked  
for the Knox County Governmental Library**

Assumptions:

- In FY 2004 there were 14,564 cases in Knox County Criminal Courts subject to the litigation tax. Therefore, the \$1.00 litigation tax increase would result in \$14,564 in potential additional revenue for Knox County.
- In FY 2004 there were 19,019 criminal cases and 13,584 civil cases in General Sessions Courts subject to the litigation tax. Therefore, the \$1.00 litigation tax increase would result \$32,603 in potential additional revenue for Knox County.
- At least 61% of the assessed court fees would be collected. This is the national average collection rate according to the National Court Collections Symposium.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director